



Weekly Information & Communication



September 19, 2016

## National WIC Association Nutrition & Breastfeeding Conference

The Montana WIC staff had a strong presence at the NWA conference, and hopefully everyone enjoyed the sessions and time in Denver. Here is a [group photo](#) (missing a few folks), and a [picture](#) of Allie (Rocky Boy), Lacy (State Nutritionist), and Nicole (Hill County) before heading to the football game!

For those who traveled, please submit your travel reimbursement forms ASAP. If your agency paid for you and will be invoicing, please see if they can do this as soon as possible also. It is the end of fiscal year and we would like to reconcile this grant soon. Also remember NOT to list this on your local agency expenditure report, as this pulls from a different grant and leads to duplicative reimbursement. Please contact [Chris](#), [Kate](#) or [Stacy](#) at the state if you have questions!

## October Conference Call Reminder

Our next local agency conference call will be on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 9 am. We will be reviewing up updates in SPIRIT related to risk codes as well as our updated monitoring process. Please plan to attend.

The agenda with login information will be posted in next week's newsletter.

## SPIRIT Upgrade

We will be rolling out an updated version of SPIRIT next Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. This means that when you next log on (probably Tuesday morning) you will need to **reset local reference data** by right clicking on the little blue "w". Keep in mind that this may take time and therefore you may want to plan on starting your computers early that day.

SPIRIT has been enhanced to comply with some risk factor changes that take effect October 1<sup>st</sup>. We will post some additional information next week about the changes in risk factors are and what the screen (health information) will look like. We will also briefly review these items on our next conference call October 6<sup>th</sup>.

## Bloodwork Quick Reference

[Here](#) you will find a reference chart for when bloodwork needs to be checked. This will also be posted on our [website](#) under Local Agency Staff/Nutrition/Clinical information.

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## Weekly Risk Code Highlight

[Risk Code 331](#), Pregnancy at a Young Age, is defined as conception at or below 17 years of age. For pregnant Women it is with the current pregnancy. For breastfeeding or non-breastfeeding Women it is the most recent pregnancy.

An example of when this would be assigned is if a mom comes into WIC to get on the program. Mom has just turned 18 and is breastfeeding. This means she was 17 during her most recent pregnancy.

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